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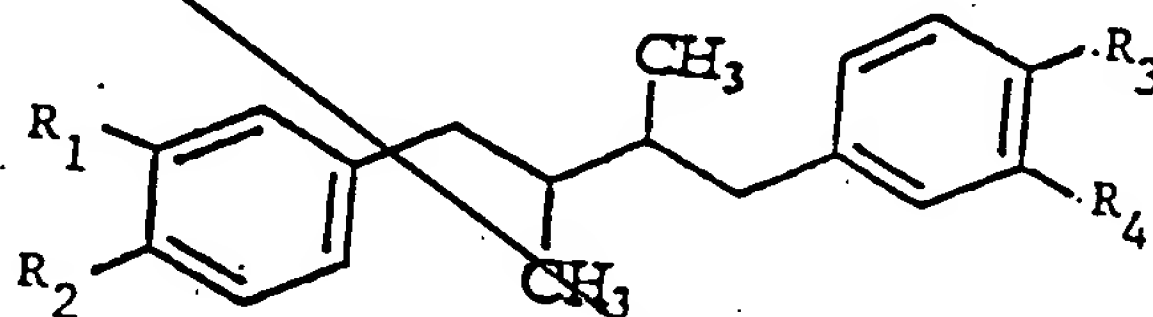
Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued June 8, 1999, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice and enter the following claims:

~~5. A method for suppressing viral growth in a host which comprises administering to the host an effective amount of a compound of the formula:~~



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are each selected from the group consisting of HO--, CH₃ O-- and CH₃ (C=O)O--, provided that R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ are not each HO-- simultaneously, ~~or a pharmaceutically acceptable derivative thereof.~~ *and derivatives*

~~6. The method of claim 5, wherein said compound is water-soluble.~~

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